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You may have seen this already, but in view of media interest here in the Terry Davis statements and ongoing inquiries on the topic of renditions, I'll send for your attention and use as needed.
Mike

Europe Blames Itself for Renditions:

Council of Europe (EC) report on CIA renditions shifts spotlight from the US to European oversight failures. EC Secretary General Terry Davis's comments played widely: "[Europe] appears to be a happy hunting ground...hardly any country in Europe has any legal provisions to ensure an effective oversight over the activities of foreign agencies on their territory." French press says the report "fingers Poland and Italy," and skies are "too open." No new evidence of secret prisons was reported, which Danish media criticize as a "sparse" investigation.

Message:

- * **The United States has respected -- and will continue to respect -- the sovereignty of other countries.**
- * **There have been many cases where local governments cannot detain or prosecute a suspect, and traditional extradition is not a good option. The local government can make the sovereign choice to cooperate in a rendition. Such renditions are permissible under international law and are consistent with the responsibilities of governments to protect their citizens.**

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